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((TEXT)) ...DETERMINED WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES, PEOPLE WHO SEE WORK INTENDING TO HELP THE POOR AS A SUBVERSIVE ACTION AND THEREFORE, AS SOMETHING AGAINST THE NATIONAL SECURITY, SAID SAN SALVADOR AUXILIARY BISHOP MONSIGNOR GREGORIO ROSA CHAVEZ CONCERNING THE NEED TO CONDUCT FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CASE OF THE ASSASSINATED JESUIT PRIESTS. THE REST IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE JUSTICE TRIBUNALS WHO WILL HAVE IN THEIR HANDS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE CREDIBILITY TO THOSE STATE INSTITUTIONS, HE ADDED.

((ROSA CHAVEZ)) "WHEN CRISTIANI ANNOUNCED THAT THE MILITARY WAS RESPONSIBLE, THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD DISCLOSE THE NAMES OF THE PRIMARY PEOPLE INVOLVED. THERE IS NOW A NEW QUESTION BECAUSE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THESE ARE ISOLATED ACTIONS COMMITTED BY PEOPLE WHO DEVIATE FROM THE PARAMETERS OF THE INSTITUTION. RATHER, THIS RESPONDS TO A WAY OF THINKING, TO AN UPRISING, WHICH VIEWS WORK DONE BY PEOPLE LIKE THOSE WHO WERE ASSASSINATED, THE WORK DONE BEING DONE BY THE CHURCH, WHICH IS VERY COMMITTED TO PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS, AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS WORKS AS SOMETHING SUBVERSIVE, AND AGAINST THE STATE SECURITY. THEREFORE, IN THE FORMATION PROCESS WE ARE SEEN AS ENEMIES. I BELIEVE THAT PUNISHING A FEW IS NOT SUFFICIENT. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO THOROUGHLY REVIEW THE CRITERIA, TO DETERMINE WHO THE TRUE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY ARE. I BELIEVE THERE IS A LOT TO DISCUSS IN THIS REGARD. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO REVIEW THE PATTERNS OF FORMATION. THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE PROPOSED. NEXT WEEK WE WILL SEE THE ATTITUDE OF THE MILITARY TOWARD THE CLERGY. THIS WILL BE A TEST FOR OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM. DURING THE HOMILY, I SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK ABOUT THE NEED FOR RESPECTING LAWS. HOWEVER, EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT IMPUNITY PREVAILS IN THE COUNTRY. THEREFORE, THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT WILL BE CLARIFIED DURING THE TRIAL THAT WILL BEGIN AGAINST THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS."

THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FMLN GUERRILLAS CONTINUES TO BE THE CHURCH'S MAIN EFFORT IN ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE THE CONFLICT THROUGH POLITICAL MEANS. THE CHURCH WILL PLAY ITS ROLE IN THIS RESPECT, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE PLANS NOW TO HAVE UN SECRETARY GENERAL JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR JOIN EFFORTS IN RESUMING THE DIALOGUE. THIS SITUATION POSES TWO ALTERNATIVES: DIALOGUE WITH UNITED NATION'S MEDIATION OR THE MILITARY SOLUTION REACTIVATED WITH POLITICAL MURDERS SUCH AS THE ASSASSINATION OF DR NECTOR OQUELI COLINDRES, ACCORDING TO THE RELIGIOUS SECTOR IN THE COUNTRY.

((ROSA CHAVEZ)) "THERE ARE TWO ALTERNATIVES: THE PATH OF A POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH COULD BE RESUMED IF THE MEDIATION EFFORTS BY

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DR PEREZ DE CUELLAR ARE SUCCESSFUL; AND THE PATH OF TOTAL MADNESS WHICH IS PROMOTED WITH ASSASSINATIONS LIKE THE KILLING OF DR OQUELI COLINDRES. THE ASSASSINATION OF OQUELI MAKES THE POLITICAL SOLUTION MORE DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, SOLVING THE DIFFICULTIES WILL DEPEND ON THE WISDOM OF ALL PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE IN OUR COUNTRY."

DURING THE CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, AND DURING THE TRADITIONAL PART OF THE HOMELY ON EVENTS THIS WEEK, ROSA CHAVEZ MENTIONED THAT IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT THE VIOLENT EVENTS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS COULD HELP TO ATTAIN PEACE IN EL SALVADOR.

((ROSA CHAVEZ)) "WE ASK PEOPLE TO HONOR AGAIN THE SACRED RIGHT TO LIVE, TO ALL LIVES, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. IN FRONT OF THE CORPSE OF A MAN ((OQUELI -- FBIS)) WHO PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL ROUNDS OF DIALOGUE, WE SHOULD RENEW THE UNYIELDING COMMITMENT TO SET ASIDE VIOLENCE AND PROMOTE A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE COMPLEX AND DESPERATE ARMED CONFRONTATION DESTROYING US EACH DAY. PARADOXICALLY, THE MOMENT WE ARE LIVING, SO FULL OF BAD NEWS, COULD BE CRUCIAL FOR PEACE."

NEXT WEEK, SALVADORAN BISHOPS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SALVADORAN EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE ((CEDES)) WILL HOLD A MEETING IN SAN SALVADOR, EVEN THOUGH A LOT HAS BEEN SAID IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS REGARDING DISAGREEMENTS EXISTING WITHIN THE CHURCH OVER THE SOCIAL-RELIGIOUS WORK IT CARRIES OUT. FOR MSOR ROSA CHAVEZ, THIS MEETING WILL SERVE TO DETERMINE, WITH THESE OBJECTIVES IN MIND, WHAT THE WORK OF CEDES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN HELPING THE NEEDY SHOULD BE.

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